

What is claimed is:

~~1.~~ A computer comprising:

means for receiving an item of personal information necessary for a member registration from a computer of a product or service provider if performing the member registration;

means for extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information for the customer, which corresponds to said item of personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, and for transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider; and

means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information and for storing said member identification information in the storage device.

2. The computer according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and for storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device; and

display processing means for displaying, on a display device, an image wherein said icon of said product or service provider is located in a virtual town.

3. The computer according to claim 2, further comprising:

means for transmitting, to another computer, information concerning said product or service provider and said icon of said product or service provider.

4. The computer according to claim 2, wherein said display processing

means displays advertisement information included in said information concerning said product or service provider if said icon of said product or service provider is selected.

~~X~~. A computer system comprising:

means for, upon receipt of a request from a customer computer, transmitting an item of personal information necessary for a member registration;

means for, upon receipt of the personal information for a customer from the customer computer, issuing member identification information, and for storing said personal information for the customer and the member identification information in a storage device; and

transmission means for transmitting the member identification information to the customer computer.

6. The computer system according to claim 5, wherein said transmission means transmits, to the customer computer, member identification information, information concerning a product or service provider that has issued said member identification information, and an icon of said product or service provider.

7. The computer system according to claim 5, wherein said storage device stores a point balance for each member.

~~X~~. A storage medium for storing a member registration program, said member registration program comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a computer of a product or service provider, an item of personal information necessary for a member registration if performing the member registration;

extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information which corresponds to said item of personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, and transmitting the extracted personal

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and said member identification information; and

transmitting said member identification information to said customer computer.

13. The storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said transmitting step includes a step of transmitting member identification information, information concerning a product or service provider that has issued said member identification information, and an icon of said product or service provider to said customer computer.

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~~14.~~ A member registration method comprising the steps of:  
receiving, from a computer of a product or service provider, an item of personal information necessary for a member registration if performing the member registration;

extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information which corresponds to said item of personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, and transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider; and

receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information and storing the member identification information in said storage device.

15. The member registration method according to claim 14, further comprises the steps of:

receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and for storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device; and

displaying, on a display device, an image wherein said icon of said product or service provider is located in a virtual town.

16. The member registration method according to claim 14, further comprises a step of:

transmitting, to another computer, information concerning said product or service provider and said icon of said product or service provider.

17. The member registration method according to claim 14, wherein in said display step, advertisement information included in said information concerning said product or service provider is displayed if said icon of said product or service provider is selected.

18. A member registration method comprising the steps of:  
upon receipt of a request from a customer computer, transmitting an item of personal information necessary for a member registration;

upon receipt of the personal information for a customer from said customer computer, issuing member identification information, and storing, in a storage device, said personal information for the customer and said member identification information; and

transmitting said member identification information to said customer computer.

19. The member registration method according to claim 18, wherein said transmitting step includes a step of transmitting member identification information, information concerning a product or service provider that has issued said member identification information, and an icon of said product or service provider to said customer computer.